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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HOLLAND, RODERICK

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/19/04.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al (US 6,097,801).
3. In regards to claims 1, 5, 8, 9, and 11, Williams discloses a method and system for notifying a component of a service provider associated with a telephone system, wherein the service provider receives a block of telephone numbers including contaminated (non-portable) and uncontaminated (portable) numbers within a received block of telephone numbers, the contaminated numbers being unavailable for use by the receiving service provider, the method comprising: requesting a block of telephone numbers from a number pool; receiving the requested block of telephone numbers from the number pool; retrieving from a database (database 34) a list comprising a plurality of contaminated (non-portable) numbers included in the received block of received numbers; and retrieving from a database (database 34), a location routing number of a switch (switch 30 and switch 47) associated with the plurality of uncontaminated (portable) numbers included in the received block of numbers (col. 9 lines 11-30 and col. 10 lines 2-16).

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4. In regards to claims 2 and 10, Williams discloses the method and system, comprising receiving the list of contaminated numbers and the location routing number from a single database (col. 9 lines 11-18 and col. 10 lines 26-36).
5. In regards to claims 3 and 6, Williams discloses the method, further comprising transmitting the list of contaminated numbers to a component of the service provider (col. 9 lines 19-30).
6. In regards to claims 4 and 7, Williams discloses the method, wherein the component comprises a billing system (col. 1 lines 61-64).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 08/19/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Williams et al do not disclose or suggest "retrieving from a database a list comprising a plurality of contaminated numbers included in the received block of received numbers; and retrieving from a database, a location routing number of a switch associated with the plurality of uncontaminated numbers included in the received block of numbers". Examiner respectfully disagrees with this argument. Williams et al do disclose and suggest retrieving from a database (database 34) a list comprising a plurality of contaminated (non-portable) numbers included in the received block of received numbers; and retrieving from a database (database 34), a location routing number of a switch (switch 30 and switch 47) associated with the plurality of uncontaminated numbers (portable) included in the received block of numbers (col. 9 lines 11-30 and col. 10 lines 2-16). In Applicant's Remarks, Applicant states that a

“contaminated number is a number within a block of donated numbers that is not available for use by the receiving service provider.” According to Williams et al, a non-portable number is considered as being the same as Applicant’s contaminated number, in that, Williams et al disclose a non-portable number as being a number that is not available for use by a service provider (col. 9 lines 11-30).

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

9. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

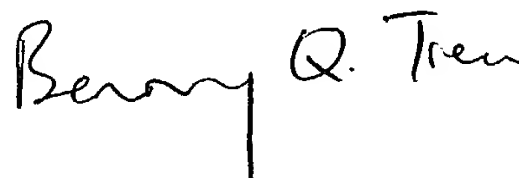
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

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11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

12. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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